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July 8, 2014

The Honorable Leonard Lance
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
361 Route 31, Unit 1400
Flemington, NJ 08822-3392

Attn: (b) (6)

Dear Mr. Lance:

Thank you for your letter of June 24, 2014 on behalf of Mr. (b) (6), requesting the annual command history report submitted by the destroyer escort USS O'CALLAHAN (DE 1051) for 1970. As Director, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), I am responding on behalf of the Navy Chief of Legislative Affairs.

Unfortunately, NHHC does not hold an annual command history report for USS O'CALLAHAN from 1970. Deck logs from this time period have already been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for permanent retention. Your constituent may inquire about the existence and availability of deck logs for USS O'CALLAHAN from 1970 by contacting that agency directly at the following address and phone number:

National Archives and Records Administration
Attn: Modern Navy Records
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: (301) 837-3501

Because your constituent requires the requested records to support a claim of Agent Orange exposure, he may also contact the nearest Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Benefit Office to request research assistance from the U.S. Army & Joint Services Records Research Center. That agency will search relevant Federal agency records and review up to 60 days of deck logs free of charge to find evidence to support a claim of Agent Orange exposure. Mr. Miller may contact the Newark VA Regional Benefit Office at the following address and phone number:

Newark VA Regional Benefit Office
20 Washington Place
Newark, NJ 07102-3174
Phone: (800) 827-1000

Please extend our gratitude to (b) (6) for his service to the Navy and our nation. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my Historian, (b) (6) at (202) 433-9667.

Very respectfully,

(b) (6)

Director, Naval History and
Heritage Command
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